

APPENDIX 1 | DEFINITIONS OF SOCIAL CAPITAL

BORDIEU

The aggregate of the actual or potential resources which are linked to possession of a durable network of more or less institutionalised relationships of mutual acquaintance and recognition – or in other words to membership of a group. (42)

COLEMAN

Defined by its function. It is not a single entity, but a variety of different entities having two characteristics in common: they all consist of some aspects of social structure and they facilitate certain actions of individuals who are within the structure. Like other forms of capital, social capital is productive, making possible the achievement of certain ends that would not be attainable in its absence. (43)

PUTNAM

Refers to features of social organization, such as trust, norms and networks that can improve the efficiency of society by facilitating co-ordinated action. (44)

PORTES

The ability of actors to secure benefits by virtue of memberships in social networks or social structures. (45)

OECD

Refers to networks together with shared norms, values and understandings that facilitate co-operation within or among groups. (18)